

Exhibit 12:

Acknowledgment of Western Values Project's
March 13, 2018 BLM FOIA Request (Mar. 13, 2018)



Chris Saeger <csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org>

FOIA 2018-00587

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FOIA, BLM_WO <blm_wo_foia@blm.gov>

Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 5:43 PM

To: Chris Saeger <csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org>

Good afternoon Mr. Saeger:

Our FOIA office received your FOIA request dated March 13, 2018 and assigned it control number 2018-00587. Please cite this number in any future communications regarding your request.

In your request you asked for the following:

"I request access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Bureau of Land Management officials since January 19, 2017:

- Ryan Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
- Kathleen Sgamma, Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westernenergyalliance.org
- Bruce Hinchey, John Robitaille, Esther Wagner or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @pawyo.org
- Alan Olson or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @montanapetroleum.org
- Anyone with an e-mail address ending in @api.org
- Anyone with an e-mail address ending in @coga.org
- Anyone with an e-mail address ending in @nmoga.org
- Anyone with an e-mail address ending in @ipaa.org
- Dave Galt (daveg@bkbh.com)
- Deimer True
- Don Peay
- Mike Lange
- Bradley Hamlett
- Jason Hairston

Bureau of Land Management officials

- Kathleen Benedetto
- John Ruhs
- Casey Hammond
- Cynthia Moses-Nedd"

We have received your fee waiver request and it will be processed accordingly. In the interim, we have classified you as an "other" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.49(a)(1).

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that can be processed in one to five workdays. The Normal track is for requests that can be processed in six to twenty workdays. The Complex track is for requests that can be processed in twenty-one to sixty workdays. The Exceptional/Voluminous track is for requests requiring more than sixty workdays for processing. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

This request falls into the **Exceptional/Voluminous** track.

Even though we normally process requests on a first-in, first-out basis, because of the nature of your request and the circumstances surrounding this request, we will prioritize and process your request as the records become available.

If you have any questions, please contact us at BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov or 202-912-7650. Thank you for your interest in public lands and in programs and activities of the BLM.



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